

**LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION  
2007 T-BALL  
LEAGUE RULES**

**I. LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION**

- A.** The goal and objective of the league shall be to provide enjoyment and instruction on the game in a safe environment, while encouraging good sportsmanship.
- B.** All matters concerning the league or rule interpretation shall be administered by the department.
- C.** All volunteer coaches shall be selected by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- D.** All coaches shall attend each practice or have his/her assistant attend in his/her place. Players should not be allowed to practice without adult supervision.
- E.** All practices will be scheduled through the Parks and Recreation Department.
- F.** No player shall be dropped from a team without the approval of the Parks and Recreation Department. Coaches shall report to the Athletics Division any inactive players on their rosters.
- G.** Lee County Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to change or amend any of these rules if it is deemed necessary for the benefit of the program.
- H.** There will be a 9:00 PM curfew on games.
- I.** League participants must be eligible age as of August 1, 2007.
- J.** **No tobacco products inside the playing field or dugouts.**
- K.** **There will be no unsportsmanlike conduct or profane language allowed on the field or in the dugout. (Penalty: Ejection from the field and/or forfeiture of the game.)**
- L.** Coaches should meet at home plate to discuss any questions they have concerning the rules so that there will be no problem later.
- M.** Please eliminate negative chants. Encourage your team to use positive chants.

- N. Only jerseys issued by the Lee County Parks and Recreation Department will be worn during County-sponsored games. No restrictions on baseball hats, pants, or socks. Participants may keep jersey at the end of the season.

## II. SAFETY

The safety of the participants is the primary concern of the Parks and Recreation Department. All individuals in the program must abide by all safety rules.

- A. All players must wear athletic type shoes. No metal cleats are allowed.
- B. All batters and base runners must wear helmets during the game.
- C. All players must at all times remain in the dugout except when at bat or going to the field. Only players and coaches are allowed in the dugout.
- D. The team's equipment should be continually checked to make certain that it is in good condition. Any equipment in poor repair should be replaced immediately.
- E. All players and spectators are prohibited from sitting on the fence.

## III. PLAYING RULES

- A. A regulation game will be six innings or one hour, whichever comes first.
- B. **Suspended game:** If weather interferes with play so that a game cannot be completed, the game will be continued at a later date with the lineup and batting order the same and all situations identical to the moment of suspension. This decision will be made by the field supervisor.
- Rain Delay:** If there is a delay in a game due to weather, coaches are to advise players not to leave the park until the game has been officially suspended. (Usually, a wait of 15 minutes to see weather conditions improve.)
- C. Catcher must stand on the opposite side of the tee from the batter.
- \*D. Pitcher must stand with **both feet** inside the pitcher's circle until ball is hit.

- \*E.** Only one first, second, and third baseman, shortstop, pitcher and catcher are allowed in the infield. Do not overload on any infield position. Outfielders must stand at least on the edge of the grass in the outfield at the time the ball is hit. **All players** will play in the field at one time. We suggest that you rotate your players to different positions during the course of the game and let them learn how to play different positions.
- F.** Each team will be given one warning after a player from that team slings or throws the bat. On the next offense, the batter will be called out, and a dead ball is in effect and no runner may advance.
- G.** All eligible players at the game shall bat in a continuous batting order for the entire game.
- H.** No one is allowed on the field, in or around the dugout at anytime except the coaches and players.
- I.** **A team's time at bat will be over when 3 outs are made or when all batters have come to bat.**
- J.** No bunting is allowed.
- K.** If the batter strikes the tee and the ball, it is a fair ball if it goes past the 15 foot arc. If the ball does not go past the 15 foot arc at anytime, it is a foul ball and a strike.
- L.** Runners cannot leave a base until the ball is struck by the batter.
- M.** The play is over when the ball has been relayed to the pitcher and the pitcher is within the pitching circle and the pitcher calls time. Runners may not advance at this time.
- N.** If the ball is over thrown and goes out of play, each base runner will be awarded one base from their original start of the play.
- O.** The infield fly rule does not apply in this league.
- P.** Participation medals will be given to all players. No trophies will be awarded.
- Q.** **Scores of games will not be kept.** There will be no play-offs or tournaments for this league. No All-Star games.
- R.** No protests will be permitted.

- \***S.** Batters time at bat will be **five** swings. He/she has **five** swings to put the ball in play. A fifth swing foul will be considered strike five and the batter will be out.
- T.** Only two coaches for defense will be allowed to stand in the outfield to direct players on the field. Three coaches are allowed for offense. One at home plate, and one at first base and third base.
- U.** All teams must follow proper baseball techniques when fielding the ball; for example, throwing the ball to the appropriate base, instead of rolling the ball.
- V. Inclement Weather:** A decision will be made concerning canceled games by 3:00 PM. Please call **774-7999**. Please inform your players of this number. Do not have them call the office, office personnel need the lines to be clear. If inclement weather should occur after 3:00 PM, teams must report to the field, where the field supervisor will make the decision.

MAKE-UP GAMES WILL BE SCHEDULED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO BE PLAYED AS TIME AND WEATHER PERMITS. ANY DAY OF THE WEEK WILL BE USED AS NECESSARY.

#### **IV. PARENT NOTES**

- A.** The LCPR department asks the parents to be prompt in bringing and picking up their children to and from practices and games.
- B.** Players who know in advance that they will be missing games or practices are asked to notify the coaches as soon as possible.
- C.** All players are asked to be at the field 15 minutes prior to game time.